

Congressman Edwards has worked to improve our homeland security programs to protect America from those who seek to harm us. As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Edwards has increased funding for antiterrorism and border security programs as well as the agencies that respond to natural disasters such as FEMA.

Congressman Edwards' Homeland Security work includes:

- Securing \$22.9 billion in emergency disaster aid in 2008, much of which went toward Hurricane Ike and Gustav recovery efforts along the Texas Gulf Coast
 - Supporting legislation that added 6,700 additional border patrol agents from 2005 to 2009
- Securing \$84 million to install radiological detectors at the busiest foreign ports, so nuclear materials can be detected overseas - before terrorists can get them to targets in America.
 - Supporting over \$3.5 billion for border fencing and new technology along the border
 - Supporting \$1.69 billion for cargo inspection and trade operations at our nation's ports.
 - Supporting \$800 million approved in 2008 and 2009 for Port Security Grants to secure U.S. ports for commerce.
 - Supporting \$1 billion in 2008 and 2009 for the Container Security Initiative, expanding the program that searches foreign cargo coming into the U.S. from 58 foreign seaports.
 - Continuing support for Texas A&M University to conduct valuable research and coordinate efforts with the U.S. Department of Energy and Russian universities to help curb the proliferation of nuclear materials and weapons across the world. Edwards' help in securing funding for this important work enabled Texas A&M to establish the Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute (NSSPI).
 - Chet has consistently supported the initiatives of National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) at Texas A&M to train and support over 40,000 of the nation's first responders every year. As one of the five schools in the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, NERRTC offers integral training in emergency management services, rescue and recovery.

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